

Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2014 9:00 a.m. O'Brien County Courthouse

The Northwest Iowa Care Connections Board met with the following members present: Bill Leupold, Dickinson County Representative, (NWIACC Chair), Linda Swanson, Clay County (NWIACC Secretary); Mark Behrens, Lyon County Representative, Ron Graettinger, Palo Alto County Representative; and Tom Farnsworth, O'Brien County Representative . Phil Bootsma, Osceola County Representative arrived at 9:21 a.m. Those also in attendance were: Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor, Kim Wilson, Regional Administrator, Ron Askland , Horizons Unlimited, Lisa Rockhill, DSC. Visitors: Iowa House Representative Megan Jones, Senator David Johnson and Pat Lange – DHS Targeted Case Management, Deb Broderson of Spencer Hospital, Christina Eggink-Postma of Seasons Center, Doug Smit of Hope Haven and Bill Glienke of Compass Pointe.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the agenda. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Linda Swanson and seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the minutes of November 21, 2014. Motion carried by all ayes.

There was no correspondence presented.

The NW Iowa Care Connection Advisory Board has not met. They are scheduled to meet on January 14, 2015.

Barb Rohwer, O'Brien County Auditor gave a fiscal report. Clay, Dickinson, Lyon and O'Brien Counties either have or will have paid their Medicaid Offset payment back to the State. Osceola and Palo Alto Counties do not have a payback. None of the Counties have requested reimbursement from the Region at this point.

A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the following claims. Motion carried by all ayes.

DEPT OF HUMAN SERV	SERV	1,143.19
DICKINSON CO SHERIFF	SERV	23.52
ECHO PLUS INC	SERV	9,766.92
GREER LAW OFFICE	SERV	75.00
HANSMANN, ALLEN	SERV	840.00
HOPE HAVEN	SERV	11,990.67
HOPE HAVEN	SERV	774.00
HORIZONS UNLIMITED	SERV	16,568.28
IOWA INFORMATION INC	BD PROC	78.63
KATHLEEN'S CARE INC	SERV	3,198.00
LAW OFF OF DONALD H CAPOTOSTO	SERV	225.00
MARY GREELEY MED CENTER	SERV	1,700.00

MERCY HOSPITAL	SERV	800.00
NOBLES COUNTY DAC	SERV	1,192.62
NW IA YES CENTER	SERV	377.50
OPPORTUNITY VILLAGE	SERV	651.75
OSCEOLA CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE	SERV	366.76
PALO ALTO CO SHERIFFS OFFICE	SERV	96.60
PELZER LAW FIRM	SERV	348.00
PLYMOUTH COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT	SERV	261.80
PRAIRIE VIEW MANAGEMENT INC	SERV	2,299.89
SANDY LAW FIRM	SERV	12.88
SEASON'S CENTER	SERV	31,038.41
SUNSHINE SERVICES INC	SERV	12,840.52
THE PRIDE GROUP	SERV	42,217.44
VILLAGE NORTHWEST UNLTD	SERV	29,969.71
WILLOW HEIGHTS	SERV	3,180.00
WINGERT LAW OFFICE	SERV	109.20

A motion was made by Linda Swanson and seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve the exception to policy for three attorney fee claims for mental health services provided in Fiscal 2014 and also for an emergency room claim in Fiscal 2014. Motion carried by all ayes.

David Scott, the Region's Attorney, gave an estimate of \$4,500 to review the proposed Regional Bylaws. The Board discussed the fees and felt that this was a necessary expense, but they wanted to be assured that this estimate would not be exceeded. Phil asked that Kim contact other regions to see if they have any similar bylaws and if their attorney could review them for a lesser cost.

A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve David Scott to review the Region's Bylaws and that his fees would not exceed \$4,500. Motion carried by all ayes except Phil Bootsma.

A contract with the YES Center for transportation was discussed. A request for a comparison of costs was made and will be brought to the next meeting.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Ron Graettinger to approve a block grant to Seasons for inpatient access for indirect and unreimbursed costs in the amount of \$69,300. This motion was tabled until a later date to gather additional information.

There was an update on Evidence Based Practices and Supported Housing. A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve the Regional Employment Initiative Models (Customized Employment and IPS) that have been presented and the rates for those services.

The Supported Housing Team will convene January 9, 2015 at the Community Housing Initiatives office to discuss availability of affordable housing to residents of residential care

facilities who are may have to down-size in the near future according to state regulations. Fourteen individuals from private and public entities within the region have volunteered to meet to work on this issue.

A motion was made by Mark Behrens and seconded by Linda Swanson to accept the quote of Blue Lake Websites to create a website for NW Iowa Care Connections. Motion carried by all ayes.

No old business.

There was discussion about the Crisis Services Request For Proposal (RFP) presented by Seasons Center in collaboration with Compass Pointe and Hope Haven – This proposal includes funding a crisis services response team. A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Linda Swanson to move forward with the crisis services response team beginning January 1, 2015. Motion carried by all ayes.

Lisa Rockhill, Regional Contracting DSC lead, presented negotiated MH/DS service rates for review by the Board.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth and seconded by Mark Behrens to approve a contract for the rates at Hope Haven for the current fiscal year for mental health services and to authorize the Chair to sign. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Mark Behrens to leave the rates for Sunshine Services at the current year rate and schedule follow up visit with their administration and board chair to receive feedback on their cost reports and services. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to approve the negotiated rates for Hope Haven, Inc., Horizons' Unlimited, Kathleen's Residential Care, Lakes Life Skills, the Pride Group and Village Northwest as presented for Fiscal 2016. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Linda Swanson to authorize a letter of support for the Psychiatric Tele Health Grant for Seasons Center. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Linda Swanson to approve the Regional Administration and Compensation Review/Evaluation Process as presented. Motion carried by all ayes.

A motion was made by Phil Bootsma and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to enter into closed session at 12:30 a.m. per the request of the region's Chief Executive Officer to do the annual CEO evaluation. Roll call Ayes: Mark Behrens, Tom Farnsworth, Phil Bootsma, Linda Swanson, Ron Graettinger & Bill Leupold. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ron Graettinger and seconded by Tom Farnsworth to adjourn the closed session for the CEO's evaluation at 1:19 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Mark Behrens, Tom Farnsworth, Phil Bootsma, Linda Swanson, Ron Graettinger & Bill Leupold. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tom Farnsworth seconded by Mark Behrens to adjourn at 1:20 p.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Rohwer, NWIACC Recording Secretary